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1. EMBASSY UNABLE TO ADD TO INFORMATION REPORTED REF B.
LOCAL PRESS HOWEVER REPORTED AT END OF JULY THAT 30 PERCENT
OF SWEDISH TANKER TONNAGE WAS LAID UP, AND THAT 40 PERCENT
OF NORWEGIAN TANKER TONNAGE WAS IN THE SAME FIX.

2. PRESS INFORMANTS TOOK A SOMEWHAT MORE OPTIMISTIC VIEW
OF THIS SITUATION BY NOTING THAT SWEDISH TANKER TONNAGE LAID
UP HAD DECREASED IN THE PAST FOUR MONTHS FROM 4.2 MILLION
TONS TO LESS THAN 3 MILLION TONS. THE SWEDISH SHIPOWNERS
ASSOCIATION WAS CITED AS THE SOURCE OF THESE FIGURES.
PRESS REPORTED MOREOVER THAT IN LATE JULY A MARKED UPSWING
IN DEMAND FOR LARGE TANKERS WAS IN EVIDENCE IN LONDON.

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3. PROBLEM FACING SWEDEN'S SHIPBUILDING INDUSTRY AS
RESULT OF EXCESS SHIPPING CAPACITY AS WELL AS GENERAL
GOS MEASURES TO SUSTAIN SHIPBUILDING ACTIVITY WERE
COVERED IN REF B.
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